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## **456 ISLAND BLOODS GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 216 MONTHS FEDERAL PRISON**

LOS ANGELES —456 Island Bloods gang member John Thonars McGee was sentenced to 216 months in federal prison, with five (5) years supervised release Monday, by U.S. District Court Judge Matz, for violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(iii), Distribution of Cocaine Base (Crack Cocaine).

Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres, of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is pleased with the sentence imposed on McGee. ATF and the Riverside Police Department (RPD) conducted this joint investigation under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program. "Today's sentence reinforces that ATF will not put up with armed gang violence and the drug trade that fuels it," Torres said. "This is an outstanding example of the combined weight of federal and local law enforcement joining forces and bringing these gang members to justice."

PSN combats gun violence by bringing together local, state and federal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to implement a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence and promoting safe communities in the United States. ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency in the PSN initiative, investigating violent firearms offenders, firearms traffickers, and gangs who use firearms.

ATF fights violent firearms crime by focusing on investigating firearms traffickers, armed career criminals and prohibited possessors; effectively regulating the firearms industry to prevent firearms diversion; and discouraging firearms violence through outreach efforts.